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Three people shot in three hours on New Year's Day

A 16-year-old West Philadelphia teen was the year's first homicide victim just 30 minutes after midnight ◗ Neighbors fear his slaying will lead to retaliatory violence ◗ Two other men were shot and killed within the early hours of 2013

Gunned down only 30 minutes after the ball dropped at midnight on Jan. 1, 16-year-old Jaymire Rustin was Philadelphia's first homicide victim of 2013.

Now, residents near the 5600 block of Carpenter Street in West Philadelphia, where Rustin's life was taken as he left a party, worry his death may lead to still more violence.

"We have people who are scared to come out of their homes now," said a neighbor who asked only to be identified as Miss Jones. She said that she rarely ventures out after dark.

"It was a senseless murder, senseless. I know all about it and I know people who were out there and saw him get shot. It was a fight and then retaliation – and now there's going to be more retaliation."

She said that Tuesday night, a group of people seeking retribution showed up near 52nd Street and Baltimore Avenue.

"Now innocent people's lives are going to be in danger," she said. "I have two sons, and my family owns a boxing gym. Young people need to learn how to use their hands in the right way and think before they react."

An all-too-familiar memorial of teddy bears, poster board and candles continued to grow yesterday afternoon near the patch of lawn where Rustin was slain. Residents of the home asked that its identifying details not be disclosed, as they, too, fear retaliation.

More friends and family members shared memories of Rustin on Facebook.

"Sadly instead of his mother going out to buy something for his upcoming 17th birthday, instead she will be mourning the pain of a TREMENDOUS LOSS, HER SON!" one mourner wrote.

Jones said she's not confident that her neighborhood will see fewer slayings in 2013.

"The only thing I can say is we need to get these guns off the street and parents need to be more involved in their children's lives," she said. "He was only 16 and he didn't deserve to die like that."

"Young people need to learn how to use their hands in the right way and think before they react." MISS JONES

BIKARD LARNA

▶ The makeshift memorial continued to grow yesterday afternoon.

Gunfire erupts

A total of five people were wounded by gunfire in the early hours of New Year's Day.

- Tyjuan Shields, 24, was fatally shot in the head on the 1600 block of Pratt Street in Frankford shortly after 2:30 a.m.
- Two men were injured and one man was killed when someone opened fire on a home on the 1700 block of Venango Street in Tioga about an hour later.
- Police said 23-year-old Stephen Johnson died shortly after 4 a.m. Two other men, both aged 22, are hospitalized with gunshot wounds.
- Another man is hospitalized in critical condition after he was shot around 11:30 p.m. Tuesday night on the 7100 block of Guyer Avenue in the Eastwick section of West Philadelphia, investigators said.
- The victim, 34, was hit three times in the leg, reportedly after he responded to a knock on his front door.
- No arrests have yet been made in any of this year's violent outbreaks.

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By the numbers

331
Philadelphians were murdered in 2012, the highest year-end homicide total since 2008

324
Philadelphians were murdered in 2011, a jump from 306 the year before that

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People were murdered in Philadelphia in the first few hours of 2013

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In the news

Police search for shooting suspects

WEST PHILADELPHIA. Police are looking for a group of men who they say are responsible for shooting three people at the Gold Coast Lounge early Sunday morning.

Three men were caught on surveillance cameras shortly after 3 a.m. fighting inside the West Philadelphia lounge.

Investigators said two of the men involved in that fight returned a short time later, pulled out a handgun and opened fire into the crowd. Three men were shot in the legs. The two suspects are described as black, bearded males in their 20s. One of the men was heavyset and was wearing a sweatshirt with the number 56 on the front. The second suspect had braided hair and was wearing a two-toned jacket with the words "Hell Knows How We Ride" on it, police said. METRO

3 Number of suspects caught on camera

Mayor hints at gun legislation

CENTER CITY. Mayor Michael Nutter yesterday hinted that new legislation addressing Philadelphia's gun-violence epidemic will soon be introduced, though he remained tight-lipped about the details.

"You will hear from us very soon about additional efforts to deal with this issue from my perspective, both at the city, at the state and, of course, at a federal level in my capacity as president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors," he said. METRO

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▶ Crews disassembled bleachers along the parade route yesterday.

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Parade goes on despite fire

Workers yesterday dismantled a set of bleachers on South Broad Street following the 125th annual Mummers New Year's Day parade. Despite a four-alarm fire nearly destroying their prop storage warehouse less than two weeks before the celebration, the Fralinger String Band and Capt. Thomas D'Amore took top honors in their division for their "Back from the Dead" riff on the end of the world, as predicted for late 2012 by the Mayan calendar. METRO/AW

Fire fatalities fall, but two deaths left out of the final tally

Though the homicide rate rose in 2012, fire fatalities were the lowest in the department's recorded history.

Still, the failure to include in the year-end tally the April deaths of two firefighters killed battling a blaze in Kensington has some rank-and-file members steaming mad.

"While PFD leadership was busy patting themselves on the back, they forgot to count the tragic, fire-related deaths of Lt. Robert Neary and firefighter Daniel Sweeney in the Kensington warehouse inferno," firefighters union Local 22 President Bill Gault said in a statement. "The omission isn't surprising. Firefighters simply don't count, as far as this administration is concerned."

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▶ The two firefighters killed in Kensington were overlooked.

Last year's 25 fire fatalities marked a 22-percent drop from 2011, which saw 32 deaths. More than 50 percent of the casualties in 2012 occurred in properties without smoke alarms or whose smoke-alarm batteries were inoperable or missing.

"In keeping with our goal of zero fire fatalities and community risk reduction, smoke alarms continue to be the best method for early warning of fires," Commissioner Lloyd Ayers said in a statement. "And Philadelphia continues to see a trend in the reduction of fire fatalities."

But Gault, whose union has long been embroiled in a contentious contract dispute with the city, said the credit should go to the firefighters themselves.

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News in brief

City laments loss of labor leader

PHILADELPHIA. Labor leader Wendell Young III passed away at his home yesterday following a battle with an undisclosed illness. He was 74. "Wendell Young III was a truly good man," Mayor Michael Nutter said in a statement. "He was always sincere and straightforward, a man who understood the political system and large organizations and who, for two generations, used that uncommon understanding as leader of the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1776 to benefit working men and women." Young was well-known for saving jobs and improving working conditions in bargains with several supermarkets during his more than 40-year tenure as president of Local 1776. METRO

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Penn State sanctions will harm local economy, says Pa. governor in court bid

Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett said yesterday he will ask a federal court to throw out the multimillion-dollar sanctions levied by the NCAA against Penn State University over the Jerry Sandusky sex-abuse scandal, saying the punishment threatens to cause devastating damage to the state's residents and economy.

The sanctions, which included an unprecedented $60 million fine, are "overreaching and unlawful," the governor said at a news conference in State College where the university is located.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association, the governing body of U.S. collegiate sports, fined Penn State $60 million in July and voided its football victories for the past 14 seasons in a dramatic rebuke for its failure to stop Sandusky's sexual abuse of children.

"This was a criminal matter, not a violation of NCAA rules," Corbett said. He added that he believed the NCAA acted as it did because it benefited from the sizable penalty.

"These punishments threaten to have a devastating, long-lasting and irreparable effect on the state, its citizens and its economy," the governor said. "I cannot and will not stand by and let it happen without a fight."

The Republican governor has come under criticism for his handling of the scandal, which was revealed by a grand jury he convened in 2009 when he was Pennsylvania's attorney general.

State Attorney General-elect Kathleen Kane, a Democrat, said during her campaign last year that by convening the grand jury, Corbett failed to protect children by delaying prosecution for more than two years. She has vowed to probe his handling of the case. Corbett has said he would welcome such an investigation. **REUTERS**

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▶ Corbett rejected any political motivation for the lawsuit.

Is the lawsuit a political move?

The NCAA said it was disappointed by Corbett's move.

"Not only does this forthcoming lawsuit appear to be without merit, it is an affront to all of the victims in this tragedy — lives that were destroyed by the criminal actions of Jerry Sandusky," NCAA General Counsel Donald Remy said in a statement.

Pennsylvania residents have also been unhappy with the NCAA sanctions. The Franklin & Marshall poll showed more than half the respondents believed they were unfair.

Although Corbett might be seen as pursuing the lawsuit to further his own political ends, "this decision will be popular among Pennsylvanians," said Terry Madonna, a professor of public affairs at Franklin & Marshall and director of the poll. **REUTERS**

$50M

Per the governor's office, Penn State football was the second-most profitable collegiate athletic program in the nation in 2010-11 when it brought in $50 million, earning more than $5 million in tax revenue.

In the news

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▶ Holiday shoppers

Fiscal cliff did nothing to dampen holiday spending

NEW YORK. The "fiscal cliff" drama that dominated the news and spooked businesses and financial markets did little to dampen spending by shoppers this holiday season.

A new Reuters/Ipsos poll shows nearly three-quarters of Americans said the debate around the fiscal cliff had no impact on their holiday spending. Fewer than 20 percent of those polled said they spent less during the season than they did in the 2011 holidays, according to the poll.

Holiday season sales overall – including December sales data from several chains due this week – were likely good, but not great. The expected rise in 2012 holiday spending is poised to show the smallest year-over-year gain since the recession led to a sales drop in 2008. Various estimates suggest that U.S. sales in November and December combined grew at a low single-digit pace, slower than in 2011 and 2010. **REUTERS**

Wall Street gains on cliff deal

NEW YORK. U.S. stocks began the new year with a broad rally yesterday, sparked by a last-minute deal in Washington to avert the "fiscal cliff" of tax hikes and spending cuts that threatened to derail the economy.

In 2013's first trading session, the S&P 500 was on target for its best percentage gain since Nov. 19 and highest close since Oct. 19.

U.S. markets were closed on Tuesday for New Year's Day.

Congress passed a bill to prevent huge tax hikes and delay spending cuts that would have pushed the world's largest economy off a "fiscal cliff" and possibly into recession. **REUTERS**

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Nine stocks rose for every one falling on the New York Stock Exchange and all 10 of the S&P 500 industry sector indexes gained at least 1 percent. The S&P financial index .GSPF was up 2.2 percent.

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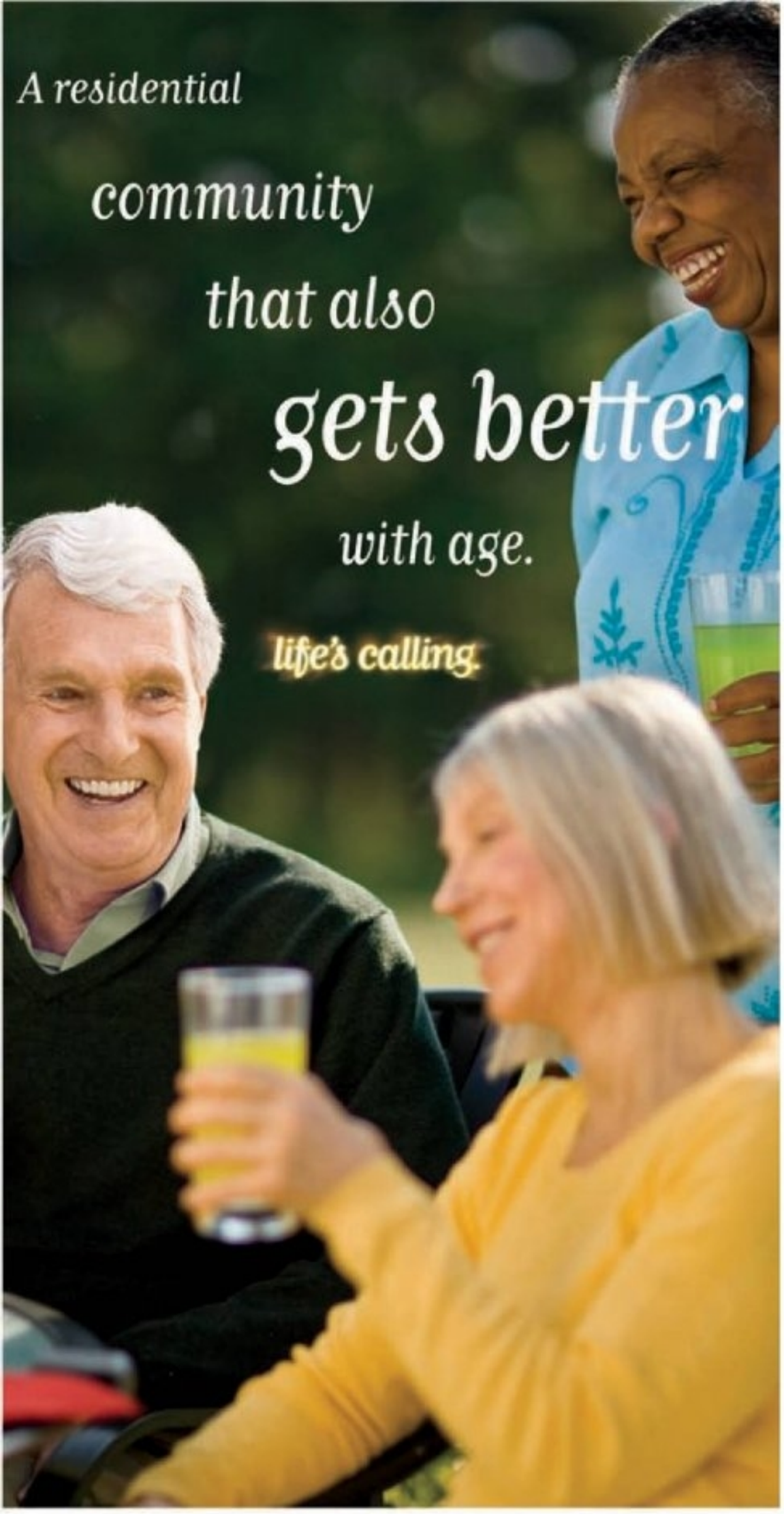

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Survivors from Sandy Hook make return to school

Many of the children who escaped last month's massacre at a Newtown, Conn., elementary school got their first glimpse of their new school yesterday, which has been decked out as a "Winter Wonderland" with the help of thousands of kids from around the country.

More than 400 Sandy Hook Elementary School students in kindergarten through grade 4 will return to classes today for the first time since the Dec. 14 attack, but yesterday afternoon the children and their parents were invited for a walk-through at their new school in neighboring Monroe.

The attack by 20-year-old Adam Lanza left 20 Sandy Hook first-graders and six staff members dead in the second-deadliest school shooting in U.S. history.

Police have offered no firm motive for the attack, and state police investigators have said it could be months before they are in a position to offer a report on it.

▶ Children mourn at a Sandy Hook memorial.

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What to expect

When the students return, they will find all of the belongings they left behind when they evacuated Sandy Hook nearly three weeks ago. They will also find the classrooms and hallways decorated with paper snowflakes made by students across the globe.

The assault stunned the nation, prompting President Barack Obama to call it the worst day of his presidency and reigniting an extensive debate on gun control.

In response to the attack, the National Rifle Association called for armed guards to patrol every public school in the country.

Armed police will be on hand today when the pupils arrive at the former Chalk Hill Middle School in Monroe, about eight miles south of the Sandy Hook school. Sandy Hook remains an active crime scene and is closed to anyone except police. **REUTERS**

In the news

Gun purchasers set new record in December

The number of FBI background checks required for Americans buying guns set a record in December, as the Connecticut school massacre stirred interest in self-defense and prompted renewed talk of limits on firearms, according to FBI data.

The FBI said it recorded 2.8 million background checks during the month, surpassing the mark set in November of 2 million checks. The number was up 49 percent over December 2011, when the FBI performed a then-record 1.9 million checks.

19%

FBI checks for all of 2012 totaled 19.6 million, an annual record and an increase of 19 percent over 2011.

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▶ Consumer demand

Consumer demand for guns appears to have accounted for the uptick in activity. There were no changes in FBI background-check procedures that would have affected the December numbers, FBI spokesman Stephen Fischer said.

December is typically the busiest month of the year for checks, due in part to Christmas gift sales. **REUTERS**

Aurora shooting evidence to be made public

Evidence from a shooting in July in a Colorado movie theater, that killed 12 movie-goers and wounded 58, will be made public for the first time at a hearing next week, prosecutors said yesterday.

The evidence will be presented to a district judge who will decide if there are sufficient grounds for James Holmes, accused of the shootings, to stand trial.

Attorneys said they were prepared to proceed next Monday with a preliminary hearing, at which prosecutors will lay out their evidence so that Arapahoe County District Judge William Sylvester may decide if there is a basis for trying Holmes. **REUTERS**

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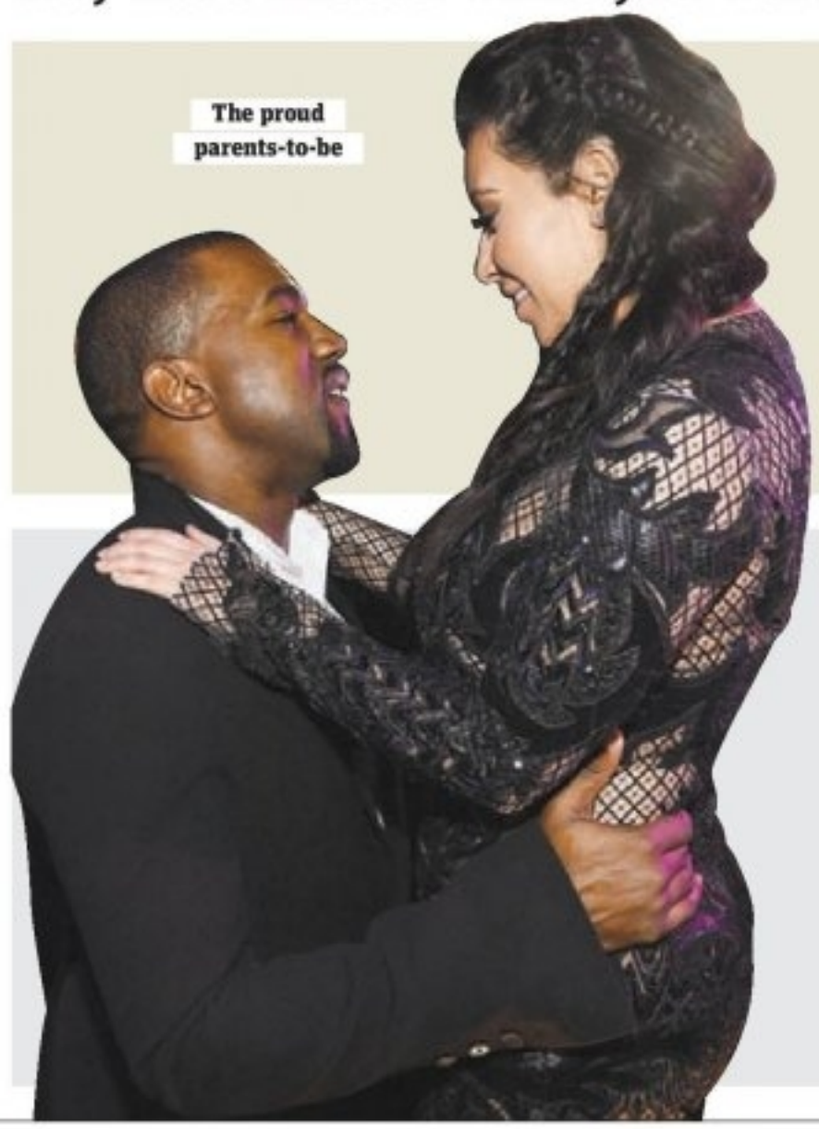
Gossip news you may have missed over break

Welcome back to the daily grind, dear readers If you're nervous that you lost your gossip know-how along with your sanity over the holiday break, have no fear Here is what you may have missed while you were trying to survive your family



The proud parents-to-be

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie (very allegedly) got married

The Telegraph reports that the Most Famous Couple in the World™ got hitched on Christmas Day in the Turks and Caicos in front of their children and **Brad**'s close family. Is it me or is this the most anti-climatic celebrity marriage ever? Unless the two reenacted the nuptials of **Pamela Anderson** and **Kid Rock** with **Jolie** drunkenly donning a white bikini and sailor cap while chugging from a champagne bottle, I couldn't care less.

Kim Kardashian is pregnant with Kanye West's baby

Oh boy. Just when you thought **Kardashian** couldn't top that time she filed for divorce 72 days after her over-the-top, televised wedding to **Kris Humphries** in terms of media manipulation, girlfriend goes ahead and gets knocked up by **Kanye West**. The rapper broke the happy news on Sunday night to his audience at Revel Resort's Ovation Hall. In a song mentioning Kardashian, he revealed, "Now you having my baby." Gossips the world over are hard at work trying to figure out how far along Kardashian is (TMZ is saying 12 weeks) and the mom-to-be told "Entertainment Tonight" that so far, "I wouldn't say it has been easy but no morning sickness." The sage of our times also noted that pregnancy "is not as easy as people think." Is this news boring to you? Get over it — everything she has to say about this fetus will be recounted ad nauseum for the next eight or so months of your life.

Kate Winslet married some dude with a ridiculous name

Yes, the Oscar-winner secretly married a man who changed his name to **Ned Rocknroll**. Rocknroll is **Richard Branson**'s nephew, and he and the actress wed in front of her two children and a small number of friends in early December. **Leonardo DiCaprio** gave her away. Winslet's spokesman said: "The couple had been engaged since the summer." I guess it could be worse. She could have married someone named Evan Easy Listening.

The feed ...

Celebrities rang in the new year on Twitter.

@ChrisColfer: Happy New Year everyone! Hope 2013 is everything you want it to be! Unless you're a Mayan enthusiast, then my condolences.

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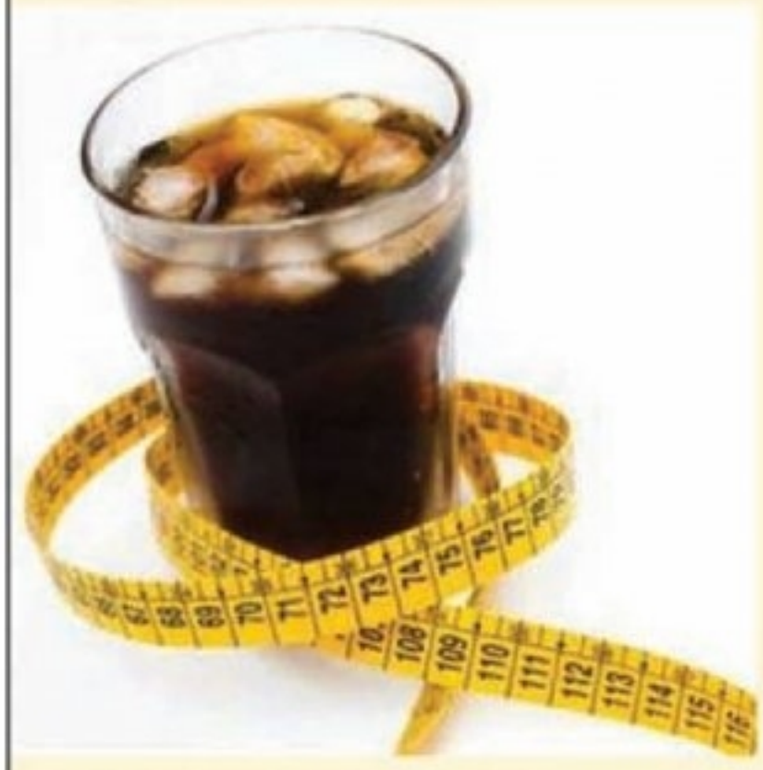

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Celebrities hard at work on New Year's Eve

1: Dennis Thomas of Kool & The Gang raised a glass at the Seminole Casino Coconut Creek in Coconut Creek, Fla.

2: Psy rocked Times Square in front of a mini NYE Waterford crystal ball.

3: Carmen Electra was the special guest at the New Year's Eve celebration at The Palazzo in Las Vegas.

4: Justin Bieber was the featured performer at Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve in Los Angeles.

5: Anthony Kiedis of The Red Hot Chili Peppers performed at The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas.

6: Nicki Minaj hosted a party at PURE in Las Vegas.

7: Jay-Z and **Chris Martin** teamed up for a concert at Brooklyn's Barclays Center.

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Damon talks 'all-consuming' 'Promised Land'

▶ Damon's "Promised Land" is in theaters now.

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Already an accomplished actor and an Oscar-winning screenwriter, Matt Damon was set to make "Promised Land" his directorial debut. Damon co-wrote the film with co-star John Krasinski, and he also serves as a producer. So maybe directing was one job title too many. "John and I joke that my best contribution as a producer was firing myself," Damon says with a laugh.

He hired his "Good Will Hunting" and "Gerry" boss, Gus Van Sant, to direct the film. "I would've liked to have done it, but I love working with Gus," he says. "I learned more this time because I had prepared it as a director, and so I saw all the things that he did that I was going to do, and then there were things that he did that I hadn't thought of."

Quoted

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DAMON

Which isn't to say that Van Sant changed the vision for the film, which is about a natural gas huckster (Damon) suffering a crisis of conscience during a visit to a small town. "It is the full expression of this screenplay that we wrote. It is exactly what we wanted," Damon insists.

Aside from getting the chance to collaborate with Van Sant again, Damon had motivations closer to home to keep him out of the director's chair. After his last movie kept him away from his family "longer than they or I was comfortable with," the decision was easy. "I just said I can't," he recalls. "It's just too much. And so that was really why I bowed out."

That still leaves a directorial debut in Damon's future. "You got a project?" he asks, chuckling again. Damon finds himself where he was at the beginning of the "Promised Land" process, looking for the right sized film to take on. "Just a little movie about people. Like Ben did it with 'Gone Baby Gone,'" he says. "You don't want to take on too much the first time you do it. It's an all-consuming job. Somebody like Gus makes it look easy because they've been doing it for so long, but it's really all-consuming."

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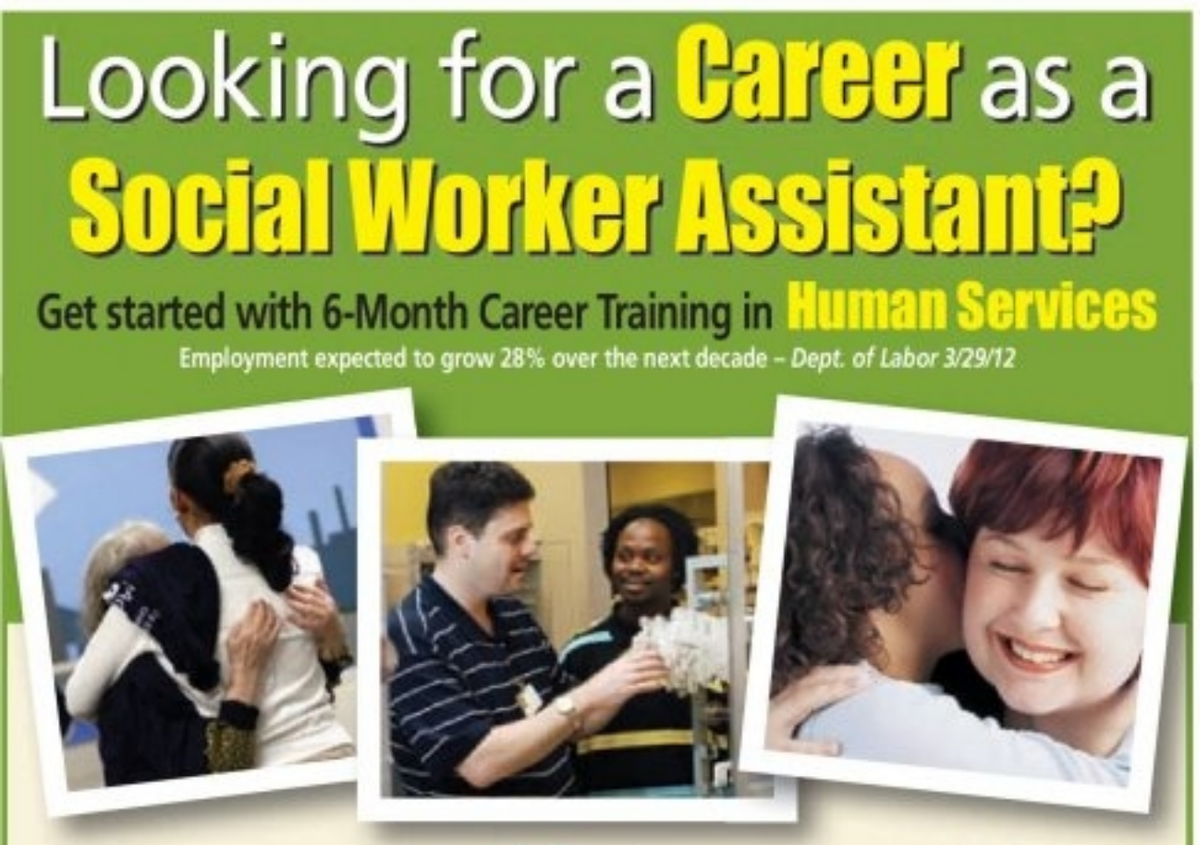
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▶ Alexandra Daddario stars as Heather Miller in "Texas Chainsaw Massacre 3D."

1 'Texas Chainsaw 3D' Leatherface has had as many incarnations in Hollywood as he has had gross homemade masks. This time a new cast of young unknowns do battle with the serial-killing power tool aficionado.

2 'The Impossible' Naomi Watts and Ewan McGregor star in this heartbreaking retelling of one family's real-life experience of surviving the 2004 tsunami in Thailand.

3 'Promised Land' Matt Damon and John Krasinski co-star in this thoughtful film about one salesman's internal conflict when he attempts to push fracking onto a small town.

4 'Les Miserables' Tom Hooper directs this adaptation of the world-famous musical set in early 1800s France, starring Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe, Anne Hathaway and Amanda Seyfried.

5 'Django Unchained' Quentin Tarantino returns with a revenge epic to rival his 2009 hit, "Inglourious Basterds." Jamie Foxx stars as a freed slave turned bounty hunter, out to rescue his wife, Broomhilda (Kerry Washington).

6 'Parental Guidance' Billy Crystal and Bette Midler star in this comedy about grandparents coming to terms with their failings and trying to make good with their daughter's children.

7 'This is 40' Paul Rudd and Leslie Mann return as the somewhat happily married couple from Judd Apatow's 2007 hit "Knocked Up." This time around, the parents of two young daughters struggle with the idea of growing older together.

8 'Jack Reacher' Tom Cruise takes on the famed character from author Lee Child's best-selling series.

9 'The Guilt Trip' Barbra Streisand and Seth Rogen play mother and son in this road trip movie about two lonely souls reconnecting while on a hilarious journey across the country.

10 'The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey' Peter Jackson's prequel to "The Lord of the Rings" franchise opens with the first of three films detailing the lives of Bilbo Baggins and Gandalf the Grey.

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TV watch list

'Kathy Griffin: Kennedie Center On-Hers'

SPECIAL. The comedian takes on Miley Cyrus and the Real Housewives in her latest stand-up special — but not, as far as we're aware, Anderson Cooper. She already had her way with him on New Year's Eve. **10 p.m., Bravo**

'What Not to Wear'

REALITY. Clinton and Stacy offer wardrobe advice to '80s pop star Tiffany. Rule No. 1: Burn everything you wore as an '80s pop star. **Season premiere, 10 p.m., TLC**

'The Big Bang Theory'

COMEDY. Sheldon is accused of the most un-Sheldon act imaginable: sexually harassing a woman. **8 p.m., CBS**

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Watts accomplishes 'The Impossible'

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▶ Naomi Watts holds on tight in "The Impossible."

Naomi Watts has spent a lot of time getting to know Maria Belon, but her esteem for the Spanish woman has in no way diminished. Belon and her family survived the 2004 South Pacific tsunami and went on to inspire Watts' new film, "The Impossible." (The family has been recast as British for the movie.) "I was blown away by her," Watts remembers. "Having gone through this experience together and knowing what she went through, you want to hold onto everything she feels and says because you know how close she came. There's something now about her that makes her just understand life better and it's just deeply impressive. I'm full of self-doubt and second-guessing and cynicism. That's another type of human being."

Self-doubt aside, Watts could at least relate to Belon as a mother. "I'm not thinking about a tsunami on a daily basis," Watts admits. "I have fears about getting separated from my children just on the subway, you know? You laugh, but I've gone through in my head, 'What would I do?' It's happened on an elevator before. And then you're like, is your child going to know where to get off? Luckily it's only ever happened in our building, so it's OK. They know the number five."

Filming the harrowing and hazardous scenes taking place in the immediate aftermath of the tsunami was no picnic for the actress — but she's not one to complain, always remembering to keep things in perspective. Watts remembers on particular scene where she clings to a tree as water rushes past. "I was there for a long time, but I was anchored with a harness. Still, with the pressure of the water coming you still had to hang on tight," says. "But you just kept reminding yourself, I'm not going to complain. I'm an actor recreating this. There were people who hung on to trees for 10 [or] 12 hours."

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Under water

Watts discusses working in a "water park":

"Physically, it's the most demanding thing I've ever done. Working with water is always going to be tough. I mean, it was five or six weeks in those tanks," she says. Tom Holland, who plays her eldest son in the film, enjoyed himself. "Tom thought it was the most fun he's ever had," Watts says. "It was like the water park every day, but the scariest possible one."

Taking on the critics

The filmmakers behind "The Impossible" have come under fire for telling the story of the 2004 tsunami through the eyes of European tourists — and one family in particular. But Maria Belon, the Spanish woman upon whom the story is based, has had enough. "I am fed up with the criticisms of it being in English, a British family," Belon says. "I can't understand why people don't understand what the movie is about. The movie is about human beings. Under the wave ... we are so similar to each other. ... They are human beings. I feel this is an excuse to pick one stupid story like ours, one tiny story, to talk about the human spirit, to talk about what really matters and what doesn't really matter."

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Even as the photos of Taylor Swift with new boyfriend Harry Styles are pouring in, the old ones of the superstar with ex-beau Conor Kennedy are still fresh in our minds. Celebrities have to deal with this all the time: published pictures of ex-loves. The images are out there, on magazine covers and blogs, impossible to erase completely even after they have moved on. But what happens if you aren't in the public eye? Say, for example, that you've been dating for a few months now. Everything is great and your new relationship is growing at a comfortable rate. But last night he found that big box behind the couch, the one with all the pictures and letters from your old boyfriend. It was the first time you saw him get really angry, jealous even. He accused you of holding onto the stuff because you are still attached to your ex. So what do you do? Do you have to get rid of it all? What if you don't want to?

The most important thing that can come into play here is communication. Explain that you are not holding onto these things because you still have feelings for your former partner, but rather because you are holding onto the part of yourself you discovered then. In truth, it has less to do with the person you left behind and more to do with the shared history that was a marker on your past. Instead of thinking of it as a barrier between you and your new partner, think of it as a bread crumb trail to who you were, and that way you can share how you've grown.

If, on the other hand, the mementos have no real meaning, then it is fine to just throw them out. But before you do that, accept that they can often be less about the person you were involved with and more about who you were when you were with that person. Knowing that gives clarity to the meaning of those pictures and letters.

— Relationship expert **Dr. Jane Greer** *is the creator of* ***"Shrink Wrap"*** *– national commentary on what we can learn from celebrity relationships – and host of* ***"Let's Talk Sex"*** *at* ***Healthylife.net.*** *Her book,* ***"What About Me? Stop Selfishness From Ruining Your Relationship,"*** *is available nationwide.*

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♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** If you're not careful, you could be drawn into a costly situation while socializing with friends. Watch out for someone looking to you to pay the lion's share.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Making a big commitment before taking the time to think things through could work to your detriment. You could easily sabotage yourself if you're not careful.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Even if you are normally an industrious person, you can still allow laziness to prevent you from accomplishing anything important. Don't let it do so.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** If a close confederate tends to be a bit of a loose cannon, don't go along with any of his or her harebrained schemes. You'd be held accountable for the consequences as well.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Don't allow a disagreement with your mate or special someone to become sticky. Even if the other party is totally unyielding, keep your head. For the sake of peace, make the first overture.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** For some strange reason, you might not be too capable in the do-it-yourself department. If at all possible, it behooves you to avoid anything requiring work with sharp tools.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Miscalculations in your financial dealings could wreak some serious damage in the long run. First and foremost, be as prudent and cautious as you can when dealing with the green stuff.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Being too rigid when dealing with others will make for some painful experiences for you. Regardless of your own predilections, hang loose.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Your customary pleasant but glib personality won't get you out of trouble. In fact, it might only serve to get you in deeper. Be mindful of what you say at all times.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Your gains could diminish or take a beating if you engage in any unreasonable financial shenanigans. Things could turn out rather poorly if you make an unwise move.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Tread warily in all career-related situations. Without realizing it, you could promise more than you can deliver, or use tactics that would hurt your image.

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Solution to Dec. 27's crossword

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Letters

Your house is a bit smaller than the US

RE: "A PENNY SAVED IS A PENNY EARNED" (METRO, JAN. 2) Letter writer Larry Penner makes the age-old mistake of equating government with an ordinary household. Government builds and maintains things like roads, armies, weather satellites, ports, parks, police, food inspection, disease research labs, immigration offices, schools and thousands of other things households of four can't and don't do. None of this is cheap or simple, so we need to stop treating it as if it is.

JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL

Too little, too late

Regarding the so-called fiscal cliff: It is better to wait and make a good deal than hurry and make a bad deal.

EARL BARNETT, VIA E-MAIL

Stories don't die with old year

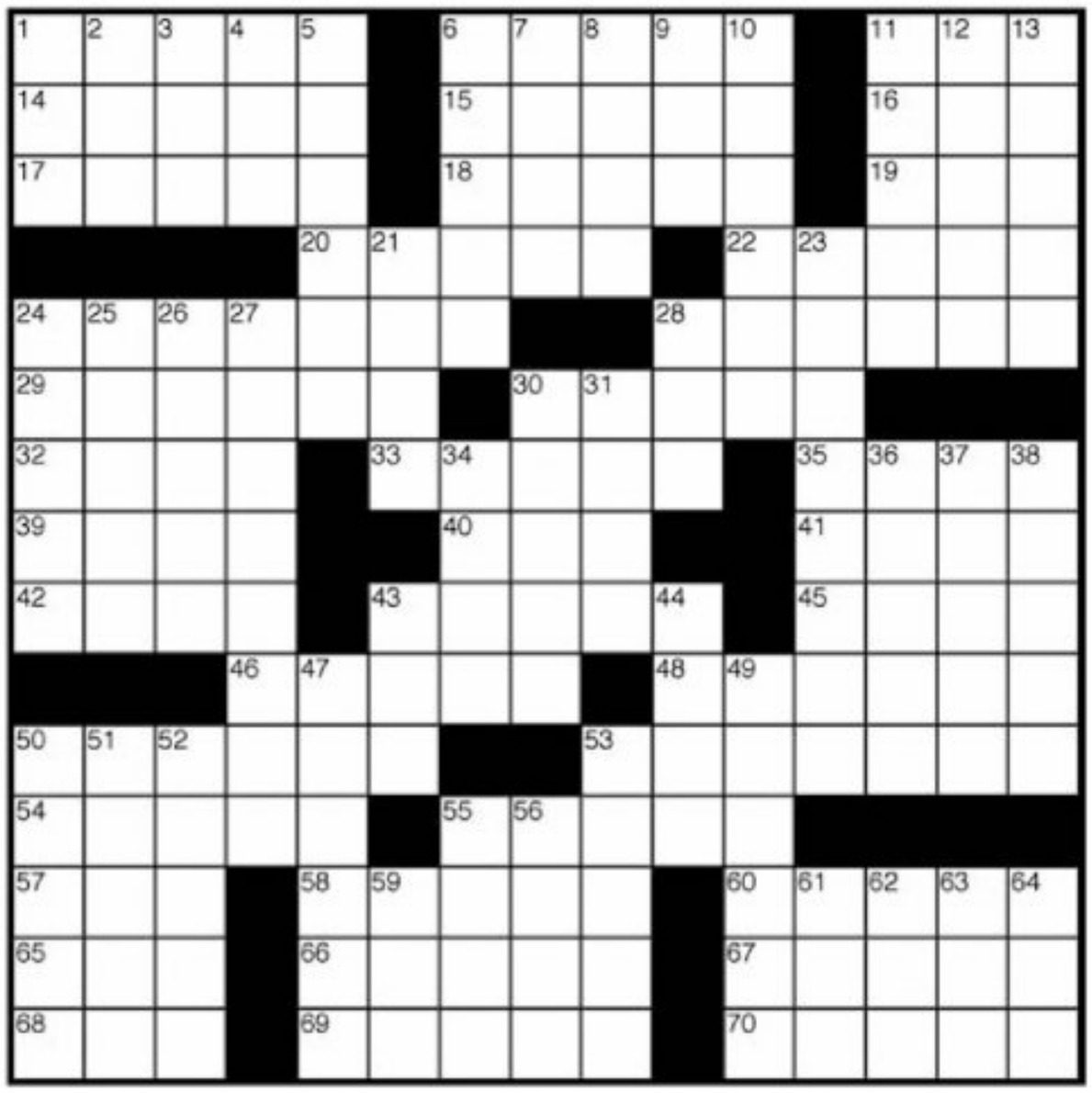
The biggest news stories of 2012 had to be Hurricane Sandy, which wreaked such devastation and whose effects will be felt by many for years to come.

"It's been a long year and we often forget those 'stories' at the beginning of the year." DIBELLO

Some people will never regain what they once possessed.

Right on the heels of that is the Newtown massacre, which shook our nation's faith in humanity and again the devastation of those families and loved ones will be felt for years, perhaps forever. Basically nothing can help a parent's pain and grief. It's a long year, and we often forget those "stories" at the beginning of the year by the time the end comes. The sudden passing of Whitney Houston was a shock to many of her fans, and in some ways aged us all. Finally, the historic re-election of President Obama gave us faith that those regular people amongst us had a strong voice and vote. In that regard the biggest winners were the president, Democrat party and all those supporters, while Mitt Romney and the Republicans have to go back to the drawing board and figure out why they are so disdained by the most populated states. Happy New Year.

DAVID DIBELLO, VIA E-MAIL



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Opinion

ANGELO CATALDI

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RINGING IN NEW YEAR WITH STYLE

There is really only one word to describe the emotion in Philadelphia now that Andy Reid has finally left the Eagles: hallelujah. Of course, fans are being advised not to rejoice today. You are being told to remember only the good times.

▶ Vick won't be back next season.

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▶ Reid was fired Monday morning.

At his first news conference in five months, Jeffrey Lurie couldn't gush enough about six division championships, five NFC championship games and one Super Bowl. The owner even called Reid "a gem of a person."

Your response to all this nonsense should be something Reid never was: honest. Shout hallelujah today because Reid was neither a great coach during his interminable time here, nor a nice man. He was a bumbler on the sidelines, unable to master timeouts, referee challenges or two-minute drills. Off the field, he was ruthless.

If you want the truth about Reid, ask David Akers. The most productive Eagles kicker of all-time missed two field goals in the last playoff game of Reid's tenure. He, too, was dealing with a family crisis in his final year here; his 6-year-old daughter was battling cancer. In the end, Reid didn't care. He blamed Akers for the five-point loss and then dumped his best kicker.

And Akers was not an isolated case. Brian Dawkins was dismissed without one word of explanation. Reid merely said it was "Stacy Andrews Day" and waved off all comment about the best player he ever coached. Juan Castillo, here three years longer than Reid, got bounced six games into the 2012 season. Loyalty was just another broken promise by Andy Reid.

The real loyalty during his tenure here was provided by the very fans the coach insulted on a daily basis. Reid would blabber after every loss about how he had to "take full responsibility" and "do a better job," while fans filled every single seat for 14 seasons despite insane personal-seat licenses, outrageous concession prices and skyrocketing parking fees.

Was it asking too much after so many budget-busting Sundays at Lincoln Financial Field for the coach to explain the reason why LeSean McCoy was still carrying the ball — and getting hurt — in a game the Eagles were trailing 31-6 with two minutes left? Apparently, it was. Under Reid, all appeals for truth were futile. He didn't give a damn about the fans. He proved that every time he opened his mouth.

Andy Reid was an overrated coach who profited from a weak NFC East, from the coaching magic of the late Jim Johnson and from an owner who gave him every benefit of every doubt. Reid will get another job very soon. And he will fail at it, for all the reasons stated above. Bet on it.

But Reid's future is not our problem anymore. His many failings are no longer our concern. And that's why one word says it all today: hallelujah.

– **Angelo Cataldi** *is host of 94 WIP's Morning Show, airs weekdays 5:30-10 a.m.*

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Westbound

Reid meets with Chiefs, Cardinals

Former Eagles coach Andy Reid is emerging as a lead candidate in both Arizona and Kansas City, according to multiple reports. Reid was scheduled to meet with Chiefs officials yesterday in Philadelphia, then fly into Phoenix to meet with the Cards. Reid could be hired by the end of the week.

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Farewell

Ravens' Lewis set to retire

Baltimore linebacker Ray Lewis will retire at the end of the season.

The future Hall of Famer said it is "time for me to create a new legacy" after playing 17 seasons. Lewis, who has been to 12 Pro Bowls, is expected to play Sunday against the Colts in what will likely be his final home game in Baltimore.

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▶ Roseman has been dismal at drafting since taking the GM reins in 2010.

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Opinion

Why is Roseman still here?

As Jeff Lurie begins his search for a coach who can lead the Eagles out of this quagmire, the owner is already refusing to deal with the reality of a bleak situation. Andy Reid was the biggest problem on this 4-12 team, but he wasn't the only problem.

What Lurie needs to do is take a long look at Howie Roseman, a lawyer who has done far more harm than good since moving from contract negotiations to player procurement. The owner claimed Monday that he has taken "copious notes" about the performance of Roseman and others in the Eagles' front office, and Roseman has emerged as the shining light of the organization.

At the height of his ravings, Lurie even suggested that Roseman had no responsibility for the horrific 2011 draft. Hello? Roseman himself told the story many times about how he phoned Reid from the college combine last year and announced his amazing first-round discovery, Danny Watkins.

Watkins is such a total bust, he didn't even dress in the last two games of 2012 despite a roster consisting of some of the worst offensive linemen in history. If Roseman saw a star in Watkins, why should anyone have faith that he will help find the right coach? And what trust should we have in Lurie, whose "extensive research" failed to turn up Roseman's leading role in drafting Watkins?

What was most alarming was Lurie's total ignorance of what his franchise lacks most — football intelligence. The owner must find a leader to identify how best to build a team that can actually win the Eagles' first championship in more than half a century. It is not Howie Roseman, nor is it Lurie himself.

If the owner cannot admit these truths, the exit of Andy Reid will not be the new beginning we all so desperately need.

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Coach search

Lurie, Roseman and team president Don Smolenski were in Atlanta yesterday to interview two head coaching candidates, Falcons DC Mike Nolan and special teams coach Keith Armstrong.

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Misfit roster led to Reid's last season

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▶ Rodgers-Cromartie

Even in the end, after a 42-7 national humiliation, the disgraceful players who represented the 2012 Eagles showed no anguish. They were an awful team that quit on a coach they professed to admire, but they walked away with little acknowledgment of their own spectacular failures.

For example, free-agent bust Nnamdi Asomugha gave up his fifth touchdown pass of the season, got called for two pass-interference penalties and was finally benched. After the Giants' debacle, Asomugha actually had the audacity to say he was puzzled by his inconsistency this year, mixing "great moments" with occasional stumbles. Great moments? Is he serious?

Mike Vick had one brief moment of clarity after another bad performance when he called into question the desire of his teammates. When pressed, he backed off the claim entirely. If he wasn't willing to admit that his teammates had quit on him and his beloved coach, he is no leader. He needs to go.

So do Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie, Nate Allen, Kurt Coleman, Trent Cole, Cullen Jenkins, Danny Watkins, King Dunlap, Dallas Reynolds and pretty much every player on special teams. They all brought disgrace to a proud franchise. The Eagles will be better off without them.

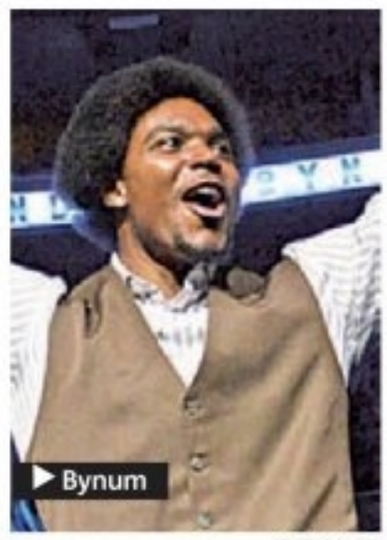
This has been a torturous season for a loyal fan base that deserves so much better, but there are better times ahead. Now we get to watch justice served. Now we get to see the gutless players who ruined this season get what they deserve.

ANGELO CATALDI

More idle thoughts

1 Connect the dots. One of the early favorites to replace Andy Reid is Penn State coach Bill O'Brien, and it makes perfect sense. O'Brien has the one thing that most impresses owner Jeff Lurie, a New England connection. O'Brien would be a major improvement over Reid. Then again, so would Rich Kotite.

2 Calling Oscar. "Silver Linings Playbook" is the best movie of 2012, and not just because it is set right here in Philadelphia. The film brilliantly juxtaposes the serious issue of mental illness with the warped mind-set of our nuttiest Eagles fans. Awesome in every way.



▶ Bynum

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3 Waste of space. A funny thing happened to the Sixers when the schedule got more challenging. They showed they are not just a mediocre team, but a boring one. The season starts the day Andrew Bynum steps onto the court. Before, they are a waste of time.

4 Go Phils. It is painfully clear that our best hope for another parade is the Phillies, age be damned. So when you're wishing people good health in this new year, start with Roy Halladay, Chase Utley, Ryan Howard and Michael Young.

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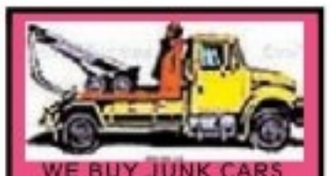

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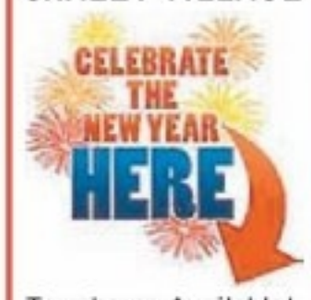

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